

35th Annual Youth Environmental Conference Cacapon Resort State Park October 15 - 17, 2010

A limited number of scholarships are available on a first come, first-served basis.

- •Each youth group attending the conference may send two members between the ages of 13 and 18 years and one chaperone at no charge.
- •The scholarships will go quickly. Mail the attached reservation form as soon as possible.
- •All participants are responsible for their own transportation to and from the conference.

Additional youth participants and adult chaperones are welcome to attend at the cost of \$165 each. Make checks payable to the: <u>Department of Environmental Protection (DEP)</u>.

The deadline for reservations is 3 pm, Thursday, September 30.

- •Cacapon Resort State Park requires the list of all conference participants by this date.
- •A limited number of reservations will be accepted.
- •Reservations will be accepted after the September 30 deadline, only if rooms are still available.

Room assignments will be made 2 to 4 participants per room, chaperones included. Most rooms have two double or 1 queen and 1 twin beds. Some rooms have only 1 double or only two twin beds.

Preference of roommates must be specified on the attached reservation form.

- •No room changes will be made upon arrival.
- •All participants must be pre-registered; no walk-ins will be accepted.

Permission slip, release form, photo consent and conference rules will be sent with your confirmation.

- •Attendance at the conference confirms an agreement to abide by the conference rules.
- •The permission slip, release form and photo consent form must be signed by the parent/guardian <u>and</u> by the participant and must be received by October 8. <u>Faxed copies are unacceptable</u>.
- •Participants cannot attend the Saturday tour without the original signed forms.

Your club must be enrolled in the Youth Environmental Program to attend.

•For enrollment information or questions regarding the conference, call Diana Haid at 304/926-0499, extension 1114, or e-mail diana.k.haid@wv.gov.

Environmental workshops are scheduled Friday evening, October 15.

- •Tentative workshops include Geocaching and Recycling.
- •Each workshop will last 45 minutes and will be given twice, at 5 and 6 pm.

A pizza buffet will be served Friday at 7 pm in the Cacapon Resort Conference Room.

- •The conference convenes at 7:45 pm.
- •The evening program given by George Dasher, DEP Geologist, will begin at 8 pm.
- •Door prizes and games will follow the program.

Breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday morning will be served in the Cacapon Resort dining room.

Saturday, October 16, a tour is scheduled to USDA Leetown National Science Center, Yankauer Nature Preserve, and a karst cave area (underground cave formed by water many years ago).

- •Transportation will be provided by Morgan County school buses.
- •Box lunches will be provided by Cacapon Resort State Park dining room.
- •<u>Important</u>: Mark your club's choice of sandwich wraps by placing the number needed for each in the space provided on the reservation form. Vegetarian selections are available.

A buffet dinner is scheduled for Saturday evening at 5:30 pm in the Cacapon Resort dining room.

- •Randy C. Huffman, Cabinet Secretary for the Department of Environmental Protection, has been invited as guest speaker in the conference room at 6:30 pm.
- •Reports will be given by each color group on their assignments from the tours.

Make a table centerpiece from recyclable materials using the theme "What's Beneath the Surface?"

- •Be prepared to describe the centerpiece and its environmental qualities.
- •Centerpieces will be displayed and judged following dinner. Prizes will be awarded.
- •Important: Mark the space on the reservation form if your club will be making a table centerpiece.

A dance will be held from 8:30-10:30 pm Saturday night in the Conference Room.

•Board games will be available in the fireplace room off the lobby and a movie will be shown in the Morgan Room for those not wanting to attend the dance.

An idea swap will be featured Sunday morning, October 17.

- •Each club is invited to give a three-minute report of their community environmental project(s).
- •If you have handouts, be sure to bring 25 copies. If you need copies made of your handout, please let someone know when you register.
- •The report must be given by a youth.
- •Important: Mark the space on the reservation form if your club will be participating in the idea swap.

Conference leaders from the Department of Environmental Protection and Division of Natural Resources will welcome participants on Friday and will remain through Sunday.

- •If you wish to participate in the Friday afternoon workshops you need to arrive by 4:45 p.m.
- •All participants are required to attend the entire conference, beginning Friday evening through adjournment on Sunday morning.
- •Parents will be held responsible for any damages caused by a conference participant.

Sincerely,

Diana Haid, Program Coordinator Youth Environmental Program

Reservation Form Youth Environmental Conference Cacapon Resort State Park October 15 - 17, 2010

MAIL TO: Diana Haid, Department of Environmental Protection, 601 57th Street, SE, Charleston, West Virginia 25304

All reservations must be received by 3 pm, Thursday, September 30, 2010.

Name	of youth group_			
Name	of leader			
Compl	ete address			
Telephone number			home	work
County	у			
Two c	lub members reco	eiving scholarships:		
1.	Name		age	
	Parent/guardian	1	telephone	
	Address			zip
	Male	_ Female		
2.	Name		age	
	Parent/guardian	1	telephone	
	Address			zip
	Male	_ Female		
Chape	rone scholarships	are limited to one per c	club. Please include chaperone information on back	c of form.
above.		ase write "chaperone" in t	65 each may also be listed on the back of this form. Githe space requesting age. Room assignments will be m	
Enclose	ed is our check in t	he amount of \$		
Please	note: be sure your	r club is enrolled in the ye	outh environmental program.	
Is your	club making a cen	terpiece from recyclable	materials using the theme "What's Beneath the Surfac	e"?
	_No	Yes Please be prepared	d to describe the centerpiece and its environmental qua	alities.
Is your	club participating	in the idea swap on Sund	lay by giving a three-minute report of your most succe	ssful project(s)?
	No	Yes If providing a han	dout, please bring 25 copies or let us know at registra	tion if you need copies made.
Box lui	nch sandwich wra	ap choices for Saturday	's tour: number of ham	number of turkey

Please indicate the number of vegetarian meals needed for Saturday's lunch and dinner:_____